



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** PW/Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** March 21, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control (805) 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** Request to Rescind Resolution No. 21-73 – All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

- a) Rescind Resolution No. 21-73 entitled “A Resolution to Approve Water Management Tools Amendment (Amendment 21) to State Water Project Water Supply Contract Subject to Certain Limitations to Maintain Local Water Supply”; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to request that your Board rescind Resolution No. 21-73 entitled “A Resolution to Approve Water Management Tools Amendment (Amendment 21) to State Water Project Water Supply Contract Subject to Certain Limitations to Maintain Local Water Supply” (Attachment A).

Resolution No. 21-73 was adopted on April 20, 2021. On February 13, 2023, Governor Newsom issued executive order N-3-23, which states “the frequency of hydrologic extremes experienced in the State is indicative of an overarching need to continually reexamine policies to promote resiliency in a changing

climate.” In light of this order, the District recommends rescinding Resolution 21-73 to allow the District to more nimbly address water transfers and exchanges as a result of rapidly changing hydrologic conditions.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has a Water Supply Contract with the Department of Water Resources for State Water Project water. Local retailers receive State Water Project water through subcontracts with the District. On April 20, 2021, the District Board approved Amendment 21 to the Water Supply Contract. Along with this approval, the District Board passed Resolution No. 21-73 to guide the performance of the District’s duties to the Department of Water Resources under Amendment 21 in light of the ongoing drought emergency in Santa Barbara County and throughout the State of California.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Narrative:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the minute order of these actions to clopez@countyofsb.org.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District No. 21-73

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